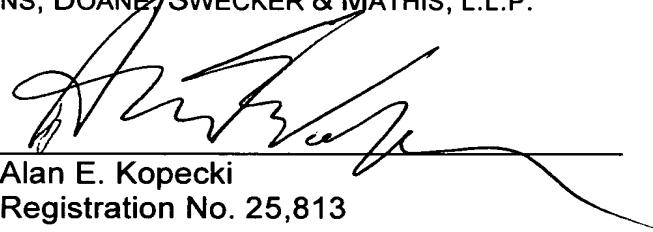


REMARKS

The present amendment makes correction of the claims and Abstract to conform to U.S. practice.

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